GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:609
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AIRPORT AT KARGIL
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Airport for small Aircraft was constructed at Kargil some years back;

(b) if so, whether this Airport is lying idle despite the huge investment made on it;

(c) if so, whether the Government has a proposal to expand the airstrip in order to make Boeing aircraft landing possible;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Indian Air Force (IAF) is operating scheduled services for Defence and civil requirements.

(C) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There is no scope for further expansion of runway due to hilly terrain to make it suitable for Boeing aircraft.